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## City Auditor moves date of public drawing for Applicant Review Panel

To ensure that all applications received by mail are included in the process, the Austin City Auditor is moving the public drawing to select three residents as the City's first Applicant Review Panel to Monday, Mar. 4. The drawing was originally scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 27.

The Applicant Review Panel is tasked with selecting the 60 most qualified applicants of those wanting to serve on the Citizens Redistricting Commission which will draw the new 10 City Council districts. The City Charter states that each Panel member must live in Austin; be licensed by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy; and have at least five years of auditing experience.

The Applicant Review Panel drawing will be held:

1:00 p.m., Monday, March 4, 2013 Boards and Commissions Room Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second St.

As of now, the City Auditor has received 81 applications from residents wanting to serve on the Applicant Review Panel. The City Charter states that each Panel member must live in Austin; be licensed by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy; and have at least five years of auditing experience. The City Auditor has determined that 14 applicants are qualified to serve.

The applicants currently in Monday's drawing for the Applicant Review Panel are:

- 1. Rodney Almaraz
- 2. Joanna Baltierra
- 3. Jim Christianson
- 4. Thomas Cumming Jr.
- 5. Shari Dalchau
- 6. Michelle DeFrance
- 7. Carol Feller
- 8. Brian Gomolski
- 9. Caroline Limaye
- 10. Virginia Moher
- 11. Martha Parker
- 12. Andrea Walsh
- 13. Benjamin Wempe
- 14. Don Williams II

The application period ended Feb. 22 for both the Applicant Review Panel and the Citizens Redistricting Commission. Approximately 600 applied to serve on the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

"I'd like to thank our Austin residents for responding to the call to participate in this very important process which will shape Austin's future," City Auditor Kenneth Mory said. "I'm very pleased with the response and we look forward to completing our objective to get a Commission that truly reflects the diversity of Austin."

## **About the 10-ONE Redistricting Process**

City of Austin voters approved Proposition 3, a City Charter amendment commonly referred to as "10-ONE," in November 2012. The Charter amendment provides for the election of City Council Members from 10 geographic single-member districts, with the Mayor elected from the City at-large beginning with the November 2014 election.

The amendment calls for the creation of a three-member Applicant Review Panel and a 14-member Citizens Redistricting Commission.

The City Auditor is tasked with initiating and widely publicizing an application process and taking all reasonable and necessary steps to get a diverse pool of applicants.

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